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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Xiang, et al.

Serial No.: 09/828,498

Filed: April 5, 2001

For: FULL-LENGTH GB VIRUS C
(HEPATITIS G VIRUS) RNA
TRANSCRIPTS ARE INFECTIOUS IN
PRIMARY CD4 POSITIVE T CELLS
AND METHODS OF TREATING HIV

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Winkler, Ulrike

Atty. Dkt. No.: IOWA:030/GNS

I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2004

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2004 for which the three-month date for response was May 13, 2004.

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A **Listing of Claims** is provided at page 3 of this paper; **Remarks** begin at page 6.



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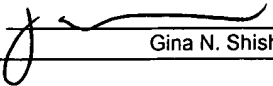


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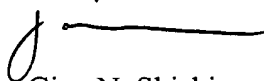
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- (1) Amendment and Response to Office Action Dated February 13, 2004;
- (2) Request for Extension of Time;
- (3) \$110 check for the fee for the extension of time; and
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